

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An electronic radiotelephone comprising a first and a second housing for housing electronic components of the radiotelephone and a biasing mechanism to aid a user to release the second housing from the first housing;

the first housing having an element, with an operating surface, and a formation which co-operates with a complementary formation on the second housing for ~~the user to releasably attach~~ user releasable coupling of the first housing and the second housing; the element being movable between a first and a second position such that when the element is in the first position the formation and complementary formation co-operate to allow the first housing to be coupled to the second housing and when the element is in the second position to allow the second housing to be removed from the first housing by the user; ~~the element being resiliently compression biased by the biasing mechanism into the first position and allows a user to urge the element, via the operating surface, into the second position during the removal of the second housing from the first housing to act against the compression bias provided by the biasing mechanism and to release the co-operation of the formation and the complementary formation, thereby allowing the second housing to be removed from the first housing by the user without interference from the element, and means for urging the second housing away from the first housing so that a front wall of the first housing and a rear wall of the second housing are urged apart which aids the removal of the second housing from the first housing~~

wherein the biasing mechanism comprises a compression biased releasing mechanism and a compression biased urging mechanism, the compression biased releasing mechanism being arranged to resiliently compression bias the element into the first position to allow a user to actuate the element, via the operating surface, against the compression bias into the second position to release the co-operation of the formation and complementary formation thereby allowing the housings to be removed from one another, and wherein the compression biased urging mechanism is arranged to be in resilient compression to store energy when the formation and complementary formation are coupled and to automatically urge the first and second housings away from each other when the coupling of the formation and the complementary formation are released by releasing energy stored in the compression biased urging mechanism.

2. (Original) A radiotelephone according to claim 1, wherein the first housing is presented away from a user during operation of the radiotelephone and the second housing is presented towards a user during operation of the radiotelephone.

3. (Currently Amended) A radiotelephone according to claim 1 comprising a retaining mechanism~~means~~ for retaining the electronic components of the radiotelephone to the first housing.

4. (Previously Presented) A radiotelephone according to claim 1, wherein the second housing has a lip for engaging with the element to allow the first housing to be coupled to the second housing.

5. (Previously Presented) A radiotelephone according to claim 1, wherein the element is a flexible hinge.

6. (Currently Amended) A radiotelephone according to claim 1, wherein the first housing further comprises a retaining mechanism~~means~~ for retaining the electronic components of the radiotelephone to the second housing.

7. Cancelled without disclaimer or prejudice.

8. (Currently Amended) A radiotelephone according to claim 1, wherein the compression biased urging mechanism~~means for urging~~ comprises a spring associated with the first housing which is compressed when the first and second housings are coupled.

9. (Currently Amended) A radiotelephone according to claim 1, wherein the compression biased urging mechanism~~means for urging~~ comprises a spring associated with the second housing which is compressed when the first and second housings are coupled.

10. (Currently Amended) A radiotelephone according to claim 1, wherein the compression biased urging mechanism~~-means for urging~~ comprises a rubber seal associated with the first housing which is compressed when the first and second housings are coupled.

11. (Currently Amended) A radiotelephone according to claim 1, wherein the compression biased urging mechanism~~-means for urging~~ comprises a rubber seal associated with the second housing and which is compressed when the first and second housings are coupled.

12. (Previously Presented) A radiotelephone is accordance with claim 1, comprising: an interior volume disposed between the first and second housings which houses electronic components of the radiotelephone.

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49. (Currently Amended) A radiotelephone according to claim 1 wherein the compression biased urging mechanism~~-means for urging~~ is elastically deformable.